

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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The invention describes materials comprising ~~organic~~ groups containing sulfur ~~sulphur~~ and phosphorous bonded together by a hydrocarbon chain and bonded via phosphorous and oxygen atoms to a mineral oxide of an element M, said materials being characterized in that they comprise M-O-M' groups ~~bonds~~, M' representing an element of a mineral oxide identical to or different from M, in that the ratio of the element M to ~~the~~ phosphorous is about 0.5: 1 to about 500:1 and in that each phosphorous atom of the phosphorous-containing groups forms at least one P-O-M group ~~bond~~ and/or P-O-M' group ~~bond~~. The invention also describes a process for preparing such materials.